

### **REMARKS**

The present Amendment amends claim 19, and leaves claims 20-23 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 19-23.

Claims 19-23 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically the Examiner alleges that the amendments made to the claims by the previous Amendment were not described in the application in a manner sufficient to convey to one of ordinary skill in the art that application had in there possession the claims invention. This rejection is traversed for the following reasons. Specifically the subject matter to the previous amendments to the claims are disclosed for example in Fig. 4 steps 2 and 2 and Fig. 10 steps 1 and 2 and the corresponding portions of the present application in which Figs. 4 and 10 were discussed. Accordingly reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-23 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Otterness (U.S. Patent No. 6,460,122). This rejection is traversed for the following reasons. Applicants submit that the features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in claims 19-23 are not taught or suggested by Otterness whether taken individually or in combination with any of the other references of record. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

Amendments were made to claims 19-23 to more clearly describe features of the present invention. Particularly, amendments were made to claims 19-23 to more clearly recite that the present invention is directed to a first disk controller which stores information indicating relationships between

identifications of disk controllers, addresses of disk drives connected to the first disk controller, and addresses in cache memories at which data of said disk drives are stored of a first cluster in said cache management table before receiving a write request from a host computer.

The above described features of the present invention now more clearly recited in the claims are not taught or suggested by any of the references of record whether taken individually or in combination with each other. Particularly, the above described features of the present invention now more clearly recited in the claims are not taught or suggested by Otterness whether taken individually or in combination with any of the other references of record.

Otterness fails to teach or suggest any information as to the timing of relationship information is stored in the management table. The timing of the storage of such information is critical according to the present invention as recited in the claims. Such timing is clearly not taught or suggested by Otterness.

Thus, Otterness fails to teach or suggest that a first disk controller stores information indicating relationships between identifications of disk controllers, addresses of disk drives connected to the first disk controller, and addresses in cache memories at which data of said disk drives are stored of a first cluster in said cache management table before receiving a write request from a host computer as recited in the claims.

Therefore, Otterness fails to teach or suggest the features of the present invention as now more clearly recited in the claims. Accordingly,

reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC §102 rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

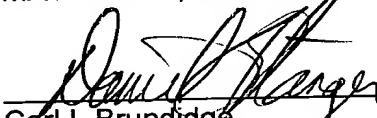
The remaining references of record have been studied. Applicants submit that they do not supply any of the deficiencies noted above with respect to the reference utilized in the rejection of claims 19-23.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 19-23 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 19-23 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (520.39648X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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